

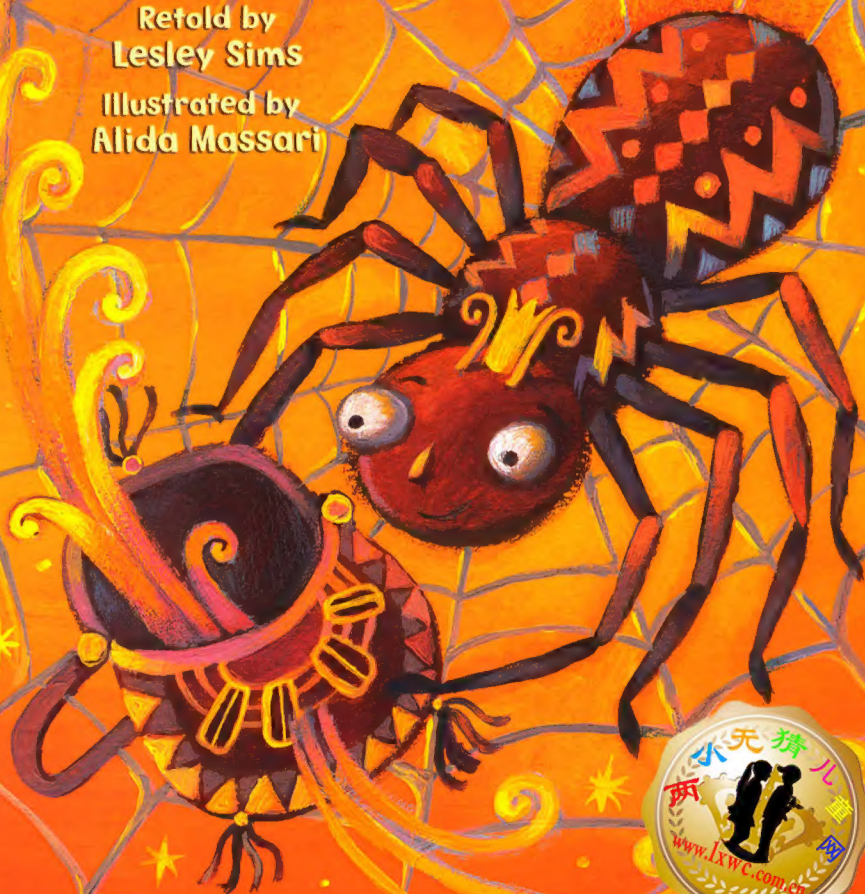
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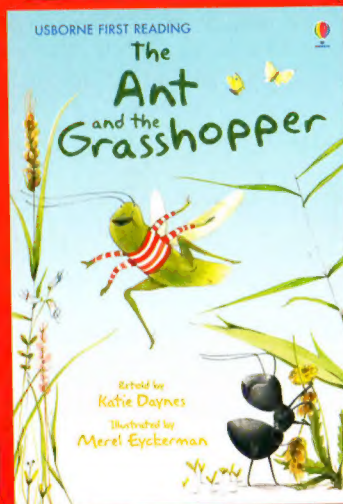
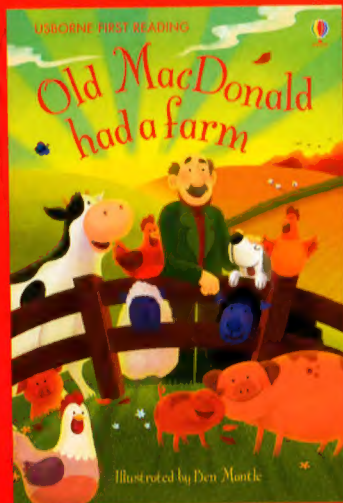
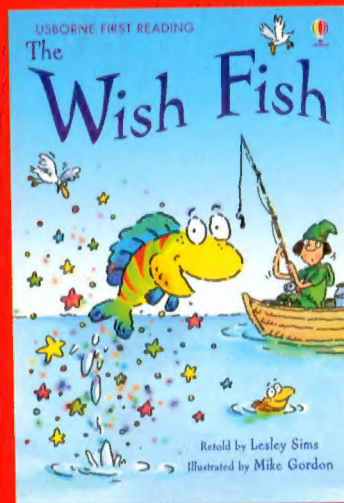
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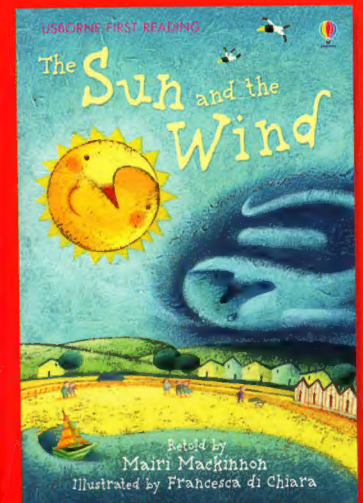
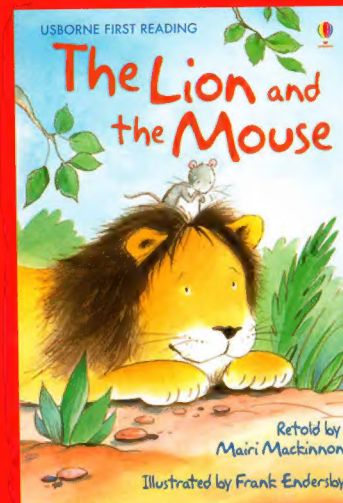
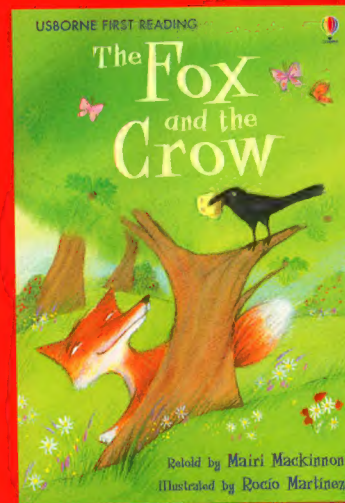
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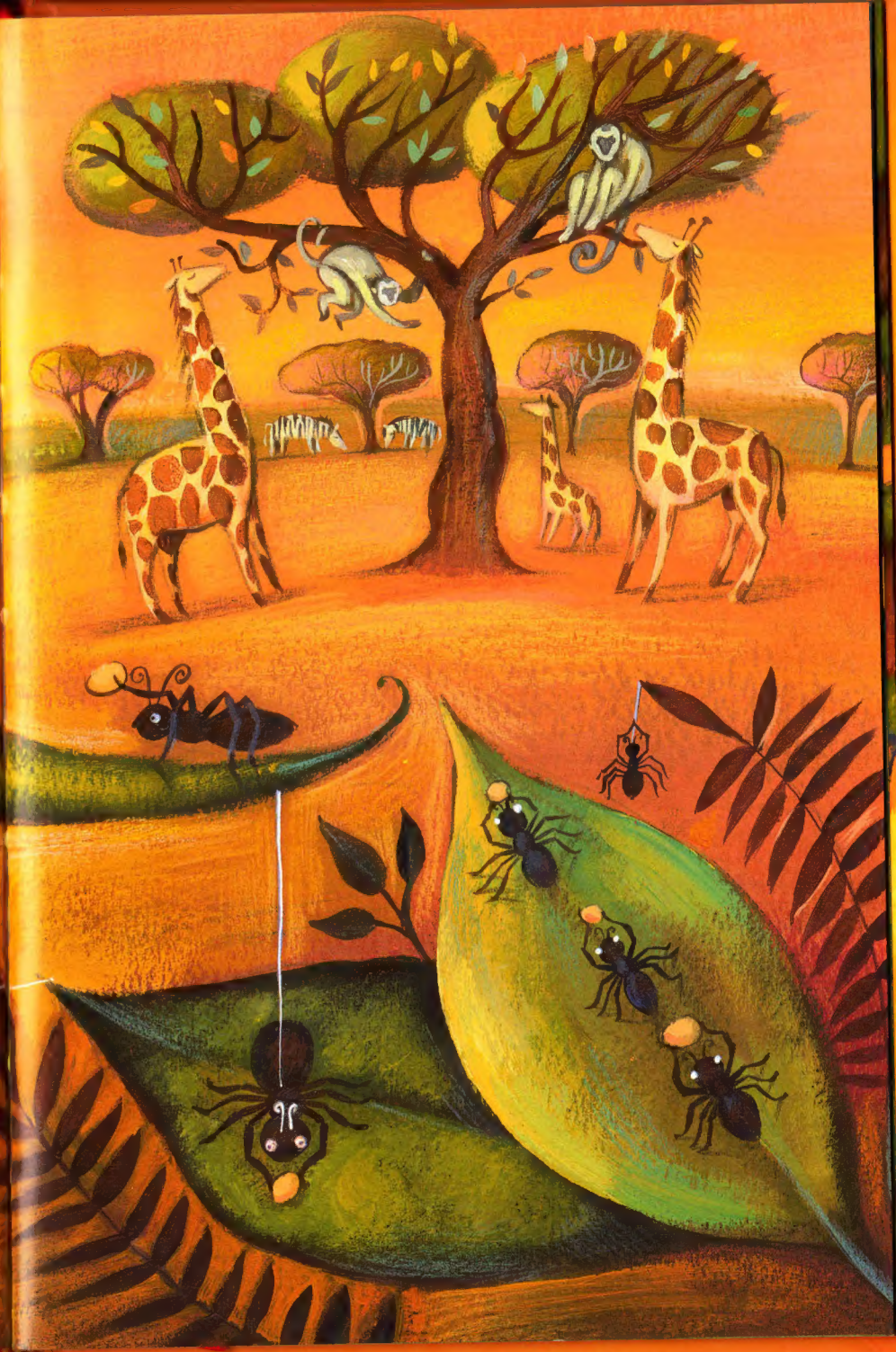


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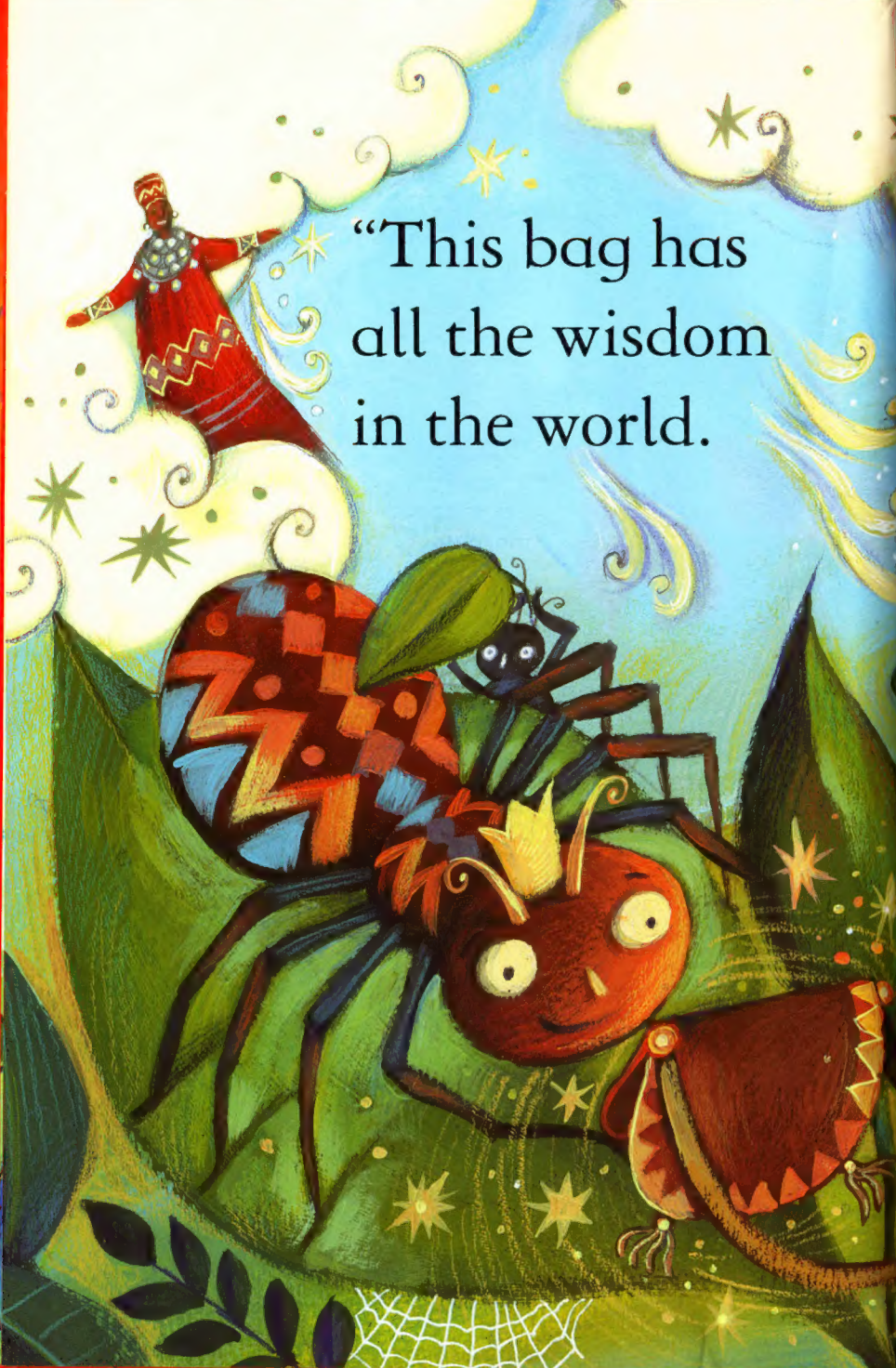
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Anansi was king of
the spiders.

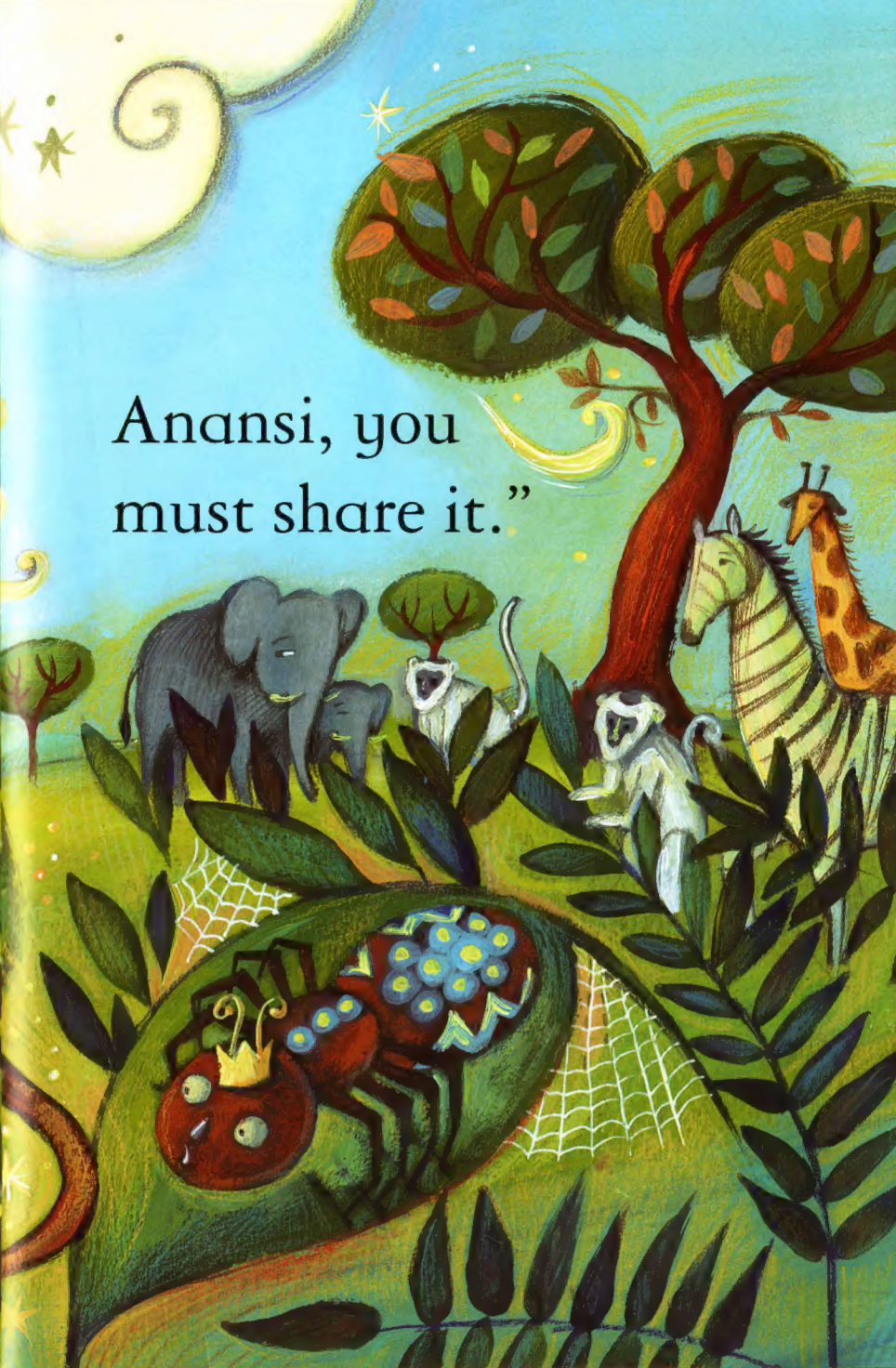


One day, a god gave
him a present.



Anansi, a large red spider with a yellow crown and a brown bag, sits on a green hill. Behind him is a large, colorful, patterned egg. The sky is blue with white clouds, yellow stars, and a crescent moon. A small figure in a red robe with a yellow pattern and a yellow crown stands on a cloud in the upper left, holding a wand. The scene is decorated with yellow stars and swirling lines.

“This bag has
all the wisdom
in the world.

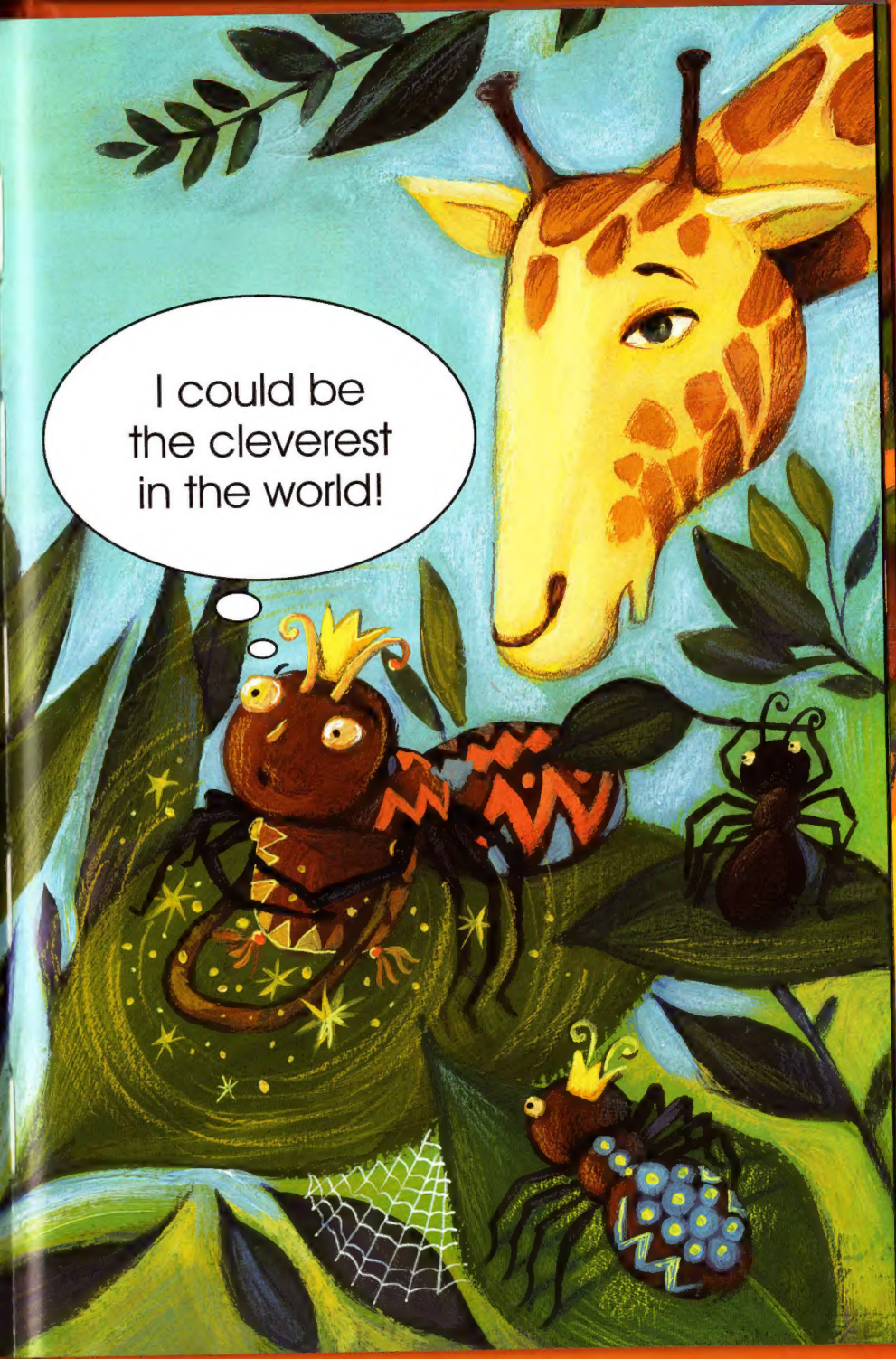
Anansi, the red spider with a yellow crown and a brown bag, is on a green hill in a forest. He is surrounded by various animals: a grey elephant, a white monkey, a yellow and black striped zebra, and a giraffe. There are green trees with red trunks and yellow leaves. The sky is blue with white clouds, yellow stars, and a crescent moon. The scene is decorated with yellow stars and swirling lines.

Anansi, you
must share it.”

Anansi frowned. He
didn't want to share it.



I could be
the cleverest
in the world!



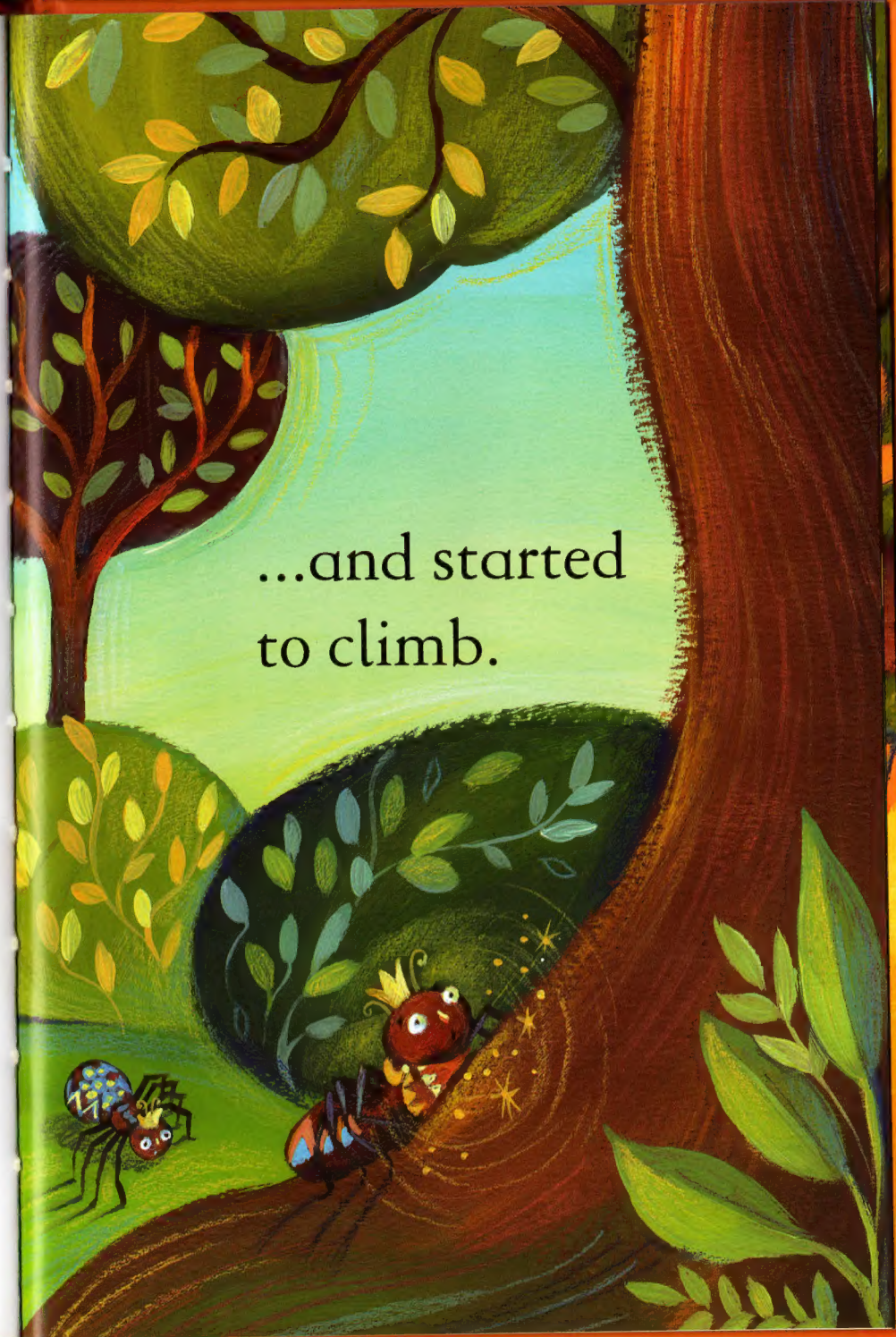
“I must hide the bag,”
he thought.



He found the tallest
tree in the jungle...



...and started
to climb.



But the bag got
in the way.



Oof!



Oops!



Oh no!

His son tried to help.

Put the bag
on your back.



Hurray!
It worked.



“But I have the bag of wisdom,” Anansi said.



“I should know it goes on my back.”



He threw the bag
down into a bush.



It burst open.





Wisdom flew all
over the world.



Everyone had some.

Now everyone knows
something...



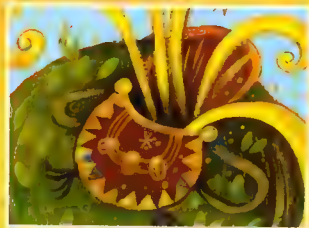
...but no one knows
everything.



PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you match the opposites?



open



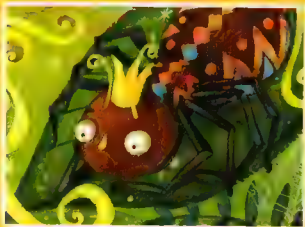
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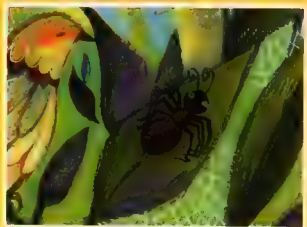
tall



shut



sad



short

Puzzle 2

Choose the best speech bubble for each picture.

Put it on
your back.

Put it in
your pack.



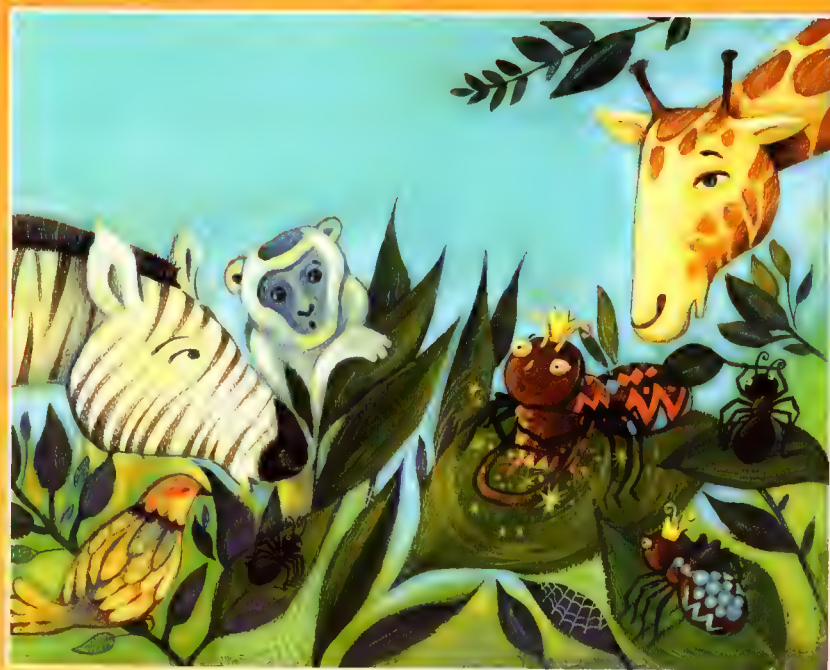
Oh no!

Oh yes!



Puzzle 3

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?



There are six to find.

Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



open



shut



tall



short



sad



happy

Puzzle 2

Put it on
your back.



Oh no!



Puzzle 3




About Anansi

Anansi, the trickster spider, is a popular character in lots of West African and Caribbean folktales. In some stories, he appears as a man, or half-man, half-spider.

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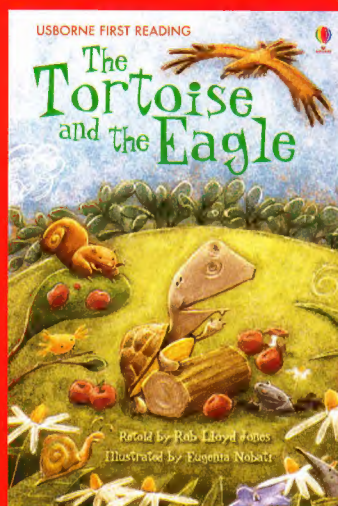
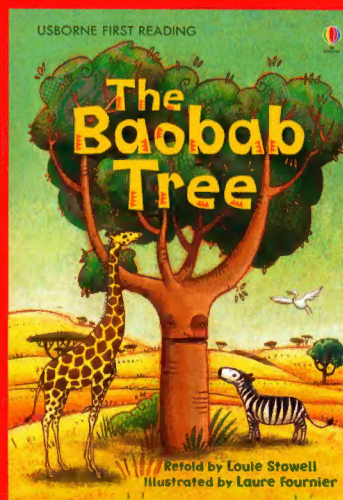
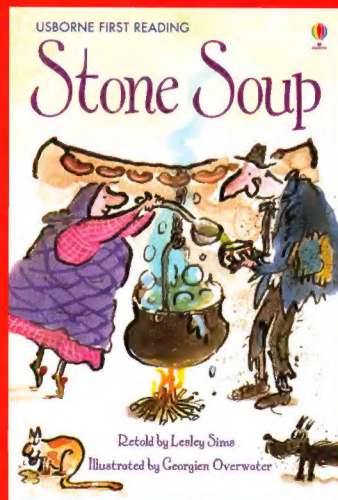


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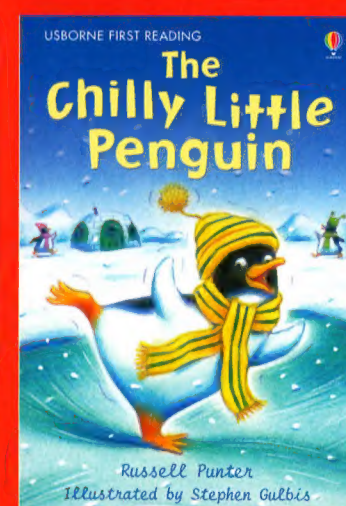
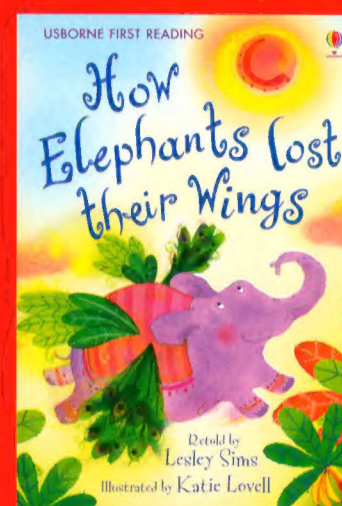
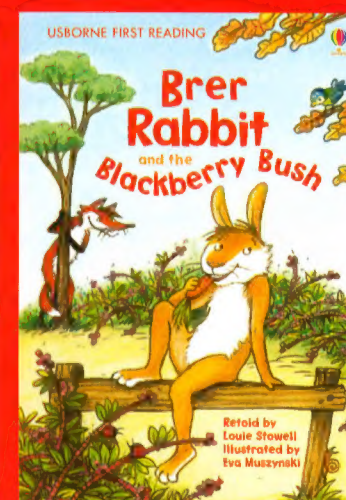
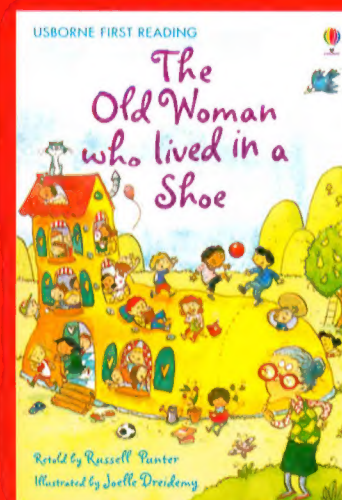
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